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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I appreciate the job you have been doing in the wake of September 11, 2001. As a stock holder in Microsoft I also appreciate your support of the settlement that was reached in the Microsoft antitrust case. Your continued support is needed to make certain that this case is actually settled. Opposition forces with anti-Microsoft agendas may try to derail this settlement and have this case returned to court.

The opposition to this settlement claims that it is not hard enough on Microsoft. Yet a detailed reading of the settlement will show this is not the case. This settlement forces Microsoft to end any contractual restriction that would hold back competitors from placing their software on MS operating systems. Moreover this settlement requires Microsoft to divulge design code to competitors so that they compete more competently with Microsoft.

The concessions made by Microsoft in this settlement are extraordinary. There is no need for a re-trial or continuation of this case at the federal level.

Sincerely,

Danny Cline

cc: Senator Strom Thurmond